

## MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY— 31/01/22 – 6.30pm**

2 Sam. 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Ps. 3:2-7 / Mk. 5:1-20 (John Bosco)

**TUESDAY— 01/02/22 - 6:30am/7:00pm**

2 Sam. 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 – 19:3 / Ps. 86:1-6 / Mk. 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY - 02/02/22 – 6:30am**

Mal. 3:1-4 / Ps. 24:7-10 / Heb. 2:14-18 / Lk. 2:22-40 (Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles)

**THURSDAY— 03/02/22 – 7:00pm**

1 Kgs. 2:1-4, 10-12 / Ps. 1 Chron. 29:10-12 / Mk. 6:7-13 (St. Blasé)

**FRIDAY—04/02/22 — 6:30am**

Sir. 47:2-11 / Ps. 17:31, 47, 50-51 / Mk. 6:14-29

**SATURDAY— 05/02/22—7:00am**

1 Kgs. 3:4-13 / Ps. 118:9-14 / Mk. 6:30-34 (St. Agatha)

Next Sunday February 06, 2022 – Fifth Sunday in

**Ordinary Time (Cycle C):**

**7.00pm —Vigil Mass,**

**6.30am – 1<sup>st</sup> Mass,**

**8.00am – 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass**

**10.00am – 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass.**

**Please all parishioners should take note**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Isa. 6:1-2a, 3-8

Res. Psalm – Ps. 138:1-5, 7-8

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Cor. 15:1-11

Gospel – Lk. 5:1-11

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### Chosen to be Prophets of Love

Dear people of God, we celebrate today the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C). In our readings, we read about the mission of God's faithful prophets, and how Jeremiah and Jesus encounter opposition and lack of faith among their own people. Because they both place their hope in the Lord, they are assured of God's protection from their enemies and are enabled to carry out their mandate. St. Paul also speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: the charisma of love.

The first reading is a classic example of how the Jewish Scripture describes God's call of an individual to be a prophet. The divine initiative is highlighted and the nature of the prophet's ministry is anticipated, both its universal aspect as well as the resistance he will encounter. Christians, like Jeremiah, are chosen by God, who knew us before we were formed in the womb, and consecrated us even before our birth. We are chosen to be God's ambassadors in the world, to spread the message of truth in love, and to awaken the conscience of people to return to God. We can do this because God has assured us of His protection and guaranteed the success of our ministry. He has made us into a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against every possible enemy. None shall prevail against us, for God is with us to deliver us. Be strong!

The second reading speaks of love as the foundation of true spirituality. For our actions to be acceptable, they must proceed out of genuine love. Paul gives us a popular passage about love among Church members, struggling and stumbling through the painful process of trying to be together the Body of Christ. The Christians in Corinth were fighting with each other over almost everything: power, prestige, teachers, orthodoxy, supernatural experiences, places in church, charismatic gifts and talents. In comparing the Church to a body with many parts, Paul admonished Christians to come together as a Church, and pool their gifts together in order to be an inclusive community. For Paul, the most crucial need among Christ's faithful is for jealousies and contentions to cease and to be replaced by mutual acceptance and love: a more excellent way. The way to go is therefore love, which is the greatest gift that every Christian must desire.

Paul is not talking about romantic love or self-absorbed love, but sacrificial love that forgives, heals, speaks truth, seek the good of others, open to others, and does not envy. This kind of love makes the world go round. It is exemplified in the sacrificial love of parents for children; love of spouses for each other; love of patriots for country; love of Christians for the good of the Church; love of educators for their students; love of medical personnel for their patients. This is the kind of love that gives life because it is Christ's kind of love. If we do not find this kind of love around us, then it is our Christian duty to put it there. Indeed, the vocation of every Christian, notwithstanding other gifts we may have, is to show sacrificial love and build up people and the church around us. This requires teamwork in which all the players need each other. Truly, nobody has all the gifts the Church needs, but we all have a gift the Church needs to fulfill her mission. It requires mutual acceptance and sacrificial love.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks the truth to the people. This enrages them and they try to kill Him, but He miraculously escapes. After reading from Isaiah, Jesus wins the approval of His people with regard to His programme of action (prophetic ministry). However, when He obliges them to enlarge their horizons beyond the boundaries of Israel, as the prophets Elijah and Elisha had forced their contemporaries to do, Jesus is rejected. His own people get so angry that they threaten to kill Him. Jesus's message to His people is prompted by love and concern for them, but their response shows lack of charity. His prophetic ministry (saving message) is meant for all, Jews and non-Jews alike. We must imitate Christ's inclusiveness as prophets of love.

Sincere thanks go to our outgoing Parish Executive and Council Members. We appreciate you for how far you have led our Chaplaincy. Well done and continue to support God's work. To our incoming Parish Executive and Council Members, we say congratulations. Thank you for the courage and desire to serve God, Mother Church, and our Chaplaincy in your respective capacities. May God richly bless your tenure of office as we strive to build up our community into the One Body of Christ and put our gifts at the disposal of others. Together we stand!

To my dear Students, we keep encouraging you to make the Chaplaincy environment an essential part of your life and stay on Campus and its environs. We pray life on campus returns to normalcy. Please, do take good care of yourselves! May God's Grace sustain us throughout the Semester.

Please be reminded to stay well, healthy and safe. Be not afraid to attend Mass. Remember to wear your nose mask and observe all the safety protocols. Get vaccinated if you have not. Your life is dear to us.

God bless and keep you safe.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Pray for Us.

Have a Blessed Week.

#### PASTORAL TEAM

**Chaplain: Rev. Fr. Dr. Anthony F. Naah— 0249999616**  
**Assisting Priests: Rev. Fr. Dr. Victor Quagraine- 0207024221**  
**Rev. Fr. Prince Owusu Sarpong— 0208290851**  
**Rev. Fr. Timothy Baghrmwini-0277154777**  
**CHAPLAINCY MOMO PAY: 097655**

#### READINGS FOR THE DAY

**1st Reading: Jer. 1:4-5, 17-19**

**2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 12:31 – 13:13**

**Gospel: Lk. 4:21-30**



## General Notices

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** There is Confession every Saturday at 6:00pm. All safety Protocols will be observed.

**Dues (Membership) Cards and Registration:** All parishioners who haven't got themselves Dues Cards and all those who have not registered should see the Catechists after Mass to help you or come to the Chaplaincy Office to do so. Please take note.

**Chaplaincy Cloth on Sale at a Reduced Price:** We have the Chaplaincy's Cloth on sale at a reduced price which now goes for Six Ghana Cedis (GH6.00) per a yard. Parishioners/Students who do not own a cloth or is worn out should please rush to the Chaplaincy office to purchase

**Chaplaincy Momo Pay:** The Chaplaincy has acquired a Merchant Sim. Parishioners are advised to make payments of Harvest Levy, Chapel Fund Contributions, etc. through the Merchant ID: 097655 to enjoy less charges.

**Twí Catechism/Sunday School Registration:** Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, 1st Communion and Confirmation for the Twí Catechism and Sunday



School began on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 and will end on Monday, February 28, 2021. Meanwhile, the Twí Catechism comes off every Tuesday at 5.30pm.

### **Archdiocesan Synodal Dialogue – Discerning and Deciding**

Dear Parishioner(s), greetings of peace in the New Year. Kindly find below some questions given to the Chaplaincy to reflect on as part of the preparations for an Archdiocesan Synodal Dialogue.

Please give your views on the questions asked on discernment and decision-making so that we can collate responses for onward submission to the Archdiocese. Your views are important so please take some time to pray about and give your input.

You may post your responses via WhatsApp to me for collation.

Together, let us make our Church stronger!

Thank you and God bless you.

### **Discerning and Deciding**

In a Synodal style we make decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through the whole community.

1. What methods and processes do we use in decision making?

2. How can they be improved? How do we promote participation in decision making within hierarchical structures?

3. What is the relationship between consultation and decision making, and how do we put these into practice?

4. What tools and procedures do we use to promote transparency and accountability? Rev. Sr. Prof. Emily Owusu Ansah - 0208198270

**Chaplaincy News Bulletin:** Please, sign up to receive News Bulletin from the Chaplaincy. You can do so at the Covid-19 Registration Desk after Mass or send a WhatsApp message to this number: 0596036520.

**NB:** You need to save the number to receive messages from the number on WhatsApp.

**Biblical Apostolate Formation:** It is announced for the information of parishioners that the Biblical Apostolate Formation program is on-going at the Pastoral Centre – Christian Village. The duration is two (2) years and participants meet on the third weekend of every month. Interested parishioners should register with Mr. Isaac Dwirah Jnr. or at the Chaplaincy Office.

## Committees, Groups & Societies

### **Charismatic Renewal (Local):**

Members of the CCR – Local are being reminded that today Sunday January 30, 2022 is Zonal Meeting at the Chaplaincy here at exactly 2.00pm. All members are entreated to be present.

### **Catholic Women Association**

**(CWA):** The Catholic Women Association is inviting new members to join them. Interested parishioners are to meet

with the President after Mass.

### **Sacred Heart of Jesus and Rosary Confraternity:**

Parishioners who wish to join the Confraternity are warmly welcome so that we all pray together.

**Legion of Mary:** The Legion of Mary Praesidium meet on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 6:00pm and 5:00pm respectively. Both new and old members are warmly welcome.

### **Induction of new Parish Council:**

**The New Parish Councillors will be inducted** into office on the 29th and 30th of January, 2022.

The Executives are to be introduced at all Masses starting from the Vigil Mass on Saturday 29th January, 2022

All Outgoing and Incoming Councillors are to be present at the 8.00am Mass for the full induction.

## Sincere Thanks

## Marriage Banns



### Youth Corner

Youth Mass comes off this and every Thursday at 7pm.

All Chaplaincy youth should endeavour to attend.

### Pax Corner

Students' Mass comes off this and every Tuesday at 7pm

We are still urging parishioners and students who took envelopes in support of the Pax Welfare System to return them with their donations. Envelopes are still available.

#### **Soul Food**

Don't get confused between your personality and your attitude. Your personality is who you are and your attitude depends on who others are to you.

## Funeral Announcement & Invitation



**Request for Support – Daughters of the Most Holy Trinity (FST):** The FST Sisters of the Catholic Archdiocese of Kumasi are requesting parishioners to support them with used (or new) clothing, food stuff, stationary, and / or funds to support their Rural Outreach to aid their tradition of reaching out regularly to rural communities. As we know 'the harvest is rich but the labourers are few' so we need more labourers to support them wholeheartedly to make a meaningful impact in the lives of needy people. Your support in this matter will be very much appreciated. For more enquiries, please, call on this number – 0244976656.

**Inspirational Quotes For Living:** Are you down hearted, living to find your purpose and excited about life? Look no further. Grab your copy of Books on Quotes by Prof. Marian Asantewah Nkansah to add colour and flavour to your life. Copies are at the Sales Desk for GH¢30.00.

**Admission:**

**Our Lady of Grace (OLAG) S.H.S. – Mampong:** Our Lady of Grace Senior High School is a Private Catholic Senior High School located at Mampong (15kms away from Kumasi) within the Catholic Diocese of Konongo-Mampong. They offer the following courses:

- General Science
- General Arts
- Business

Vocational Skills (Visual Arts and Home Economics)

Please, contact them on: 020-3709298, 0554-8093814, 024-9291896. You may also visit the Notice Boards to read for yourselves

**Job Opportunity:** : 1. A parishioner is looking for a young catholic woman to serve as a Househelp (cook and cleaner). Interested persons should call 0208198270 and 0543145943. Pay is attractive.

2. A parishioner is in need of Live-In Domestic staff, (35 to 40 years) in Accra . Interested persons should please call on 0576336002 for further enquiries.

4. **Home Teacher:** Parishioners who are in need of a home teacher for their Wards in J.H.S or S.H.S should contact Mr. Adu Yaw Amoako on 0546720154.

**Archbishop Porter Girl's Polytechnic:** The Archbishop Porter Girl's Polytechnic at Elmina is admitting students for the following programs – For B.E.C.E. Holders: **Certificate in Business Studies:** Accounting, Keyboarding Processing, Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

**Professional Courses:** Typist, Stenographer, Stenographer Secretary, Private Secretary

**Diploma Programs:** DBS Accounting, DBS Management, DBS Secretarial, DBA (Diploma in Business Administration), Diploma in Catering

**Higher National Diploma Programs:** HND Secretaryship and Management, HND Hospitality, Catering and Institutional Management

The cost of Admission Form is GH¢50.00 and is available at the school or can be downloaded on the school's website ([www.archbishoppporterspoly.edu.gh](http://www.archbishoppporterspoly.edu.gh)). Downloaded forms would be paid for upon submission.

Please, contact these numbers for more information: 0245126556 / 0242078516 / 0544107279. You may also visit the Notice Boards to read for yourselves.

**House for Rent:** 1. For the information of parishioners who may be interested in renting an accommodation, there is one available at Feyiase (barely 15 to 20 minutes from KNUST Campus. Interested persons may please call on: 0202027360.

2. A four-bedroom house and a two-bedroom flat at Asokwa is ready for renting. Interested persons can contact: 0277712314 / 0209915934 for help

**2021 Harvest Levies**

**Senior Members/Businessmen/ women** — GHS. 300.00

**Senior Staff** — GHS. 150.00

**Junior Staff/House Wife** — GHS. 100.00

**Tertiary Students** — GHS. 50.00

**Senior High/Tech. Schools** — GHS. 30.00

**Junior High/Prim./Kindergarten** — GHS. 20.00

**NB: All Parishioners are encouraged to pay their levies.**